

**State Enhanced 9-1-1
Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
*April 18, 2002***

Members Present:

Chair, Chris Fischer, APCO
Mike Akin, *Association of Washington Cities - West*
Dan Aycock, *Member at Large*
JoAnn Boggs, *Small Rural Counties - East*
Bob Connell, *Verizon*
Dave, Cowardin, *Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs*
Marlys Davis, *King County*
Bill Graedel, *Washington State Association of Counties – East*
Jon Kaino, *Washington State Association of Counties – West*
Marty Knorr, *Washington State Patrol*
Jeanne Massingham, *Washington State Emergency Management Association (WSEMA)*
Lynn Mell, *VoiceStream Wireless*
Jim Merritt, *Washington Fire Commissioners Association*
Kristen Russell, *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC)*
Naomi Wu, *Small Rural Counties - West*
Marj Williams, *Large Urban Counties - West*

Alternate Members Present:

Mike Fagan, *Washington Independent Telephone Association (WITA)*
Patti VonBargen, *Association of Washington Cities - East*
Wayne Wantland, *Large Urban Counties – East*

Guests Present:

Dee Ann Edwards, Dianna Staley, Eileen Ervin, Cathy Bevans, Lanette Scapillato, Cindy Barndt, Manfred Rose, Roger Trump, Tom Shaughnessy, Steve Reinke, John Wilding, Peggy Fouts, Doug Gehrke, Deb Welsh, Tracey Stringer.

State Office Staff Present:

Bob Oenning, Dave Irwin, Kurt Hardin and Teresa Lewis

Welcome and Introductions:

Chris Fischer called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of the Minutes (March 21, 2002):

Bill Graedel motioned to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2002 meeting as written. Dave Cowardin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presentation:

Chris Fischer presented Marlys Davis with the pen that Governor Locke used to sign HB 2595 - the Wireless Excise Tax bill, and to thank her for all her hard work that she did on this bill.

Old Business:

Bob Oenning stated that there was no old business to report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Wireless – Marlys Davis

Marlys stated that Bob, Kurt, Dave, Naomi and she met with the Qwest and the WUTC on April 10th. It seems that the main issue is the selective routing ALI feature charge, which Qwest determined based on 10,000 subscribers per trunk. Marlys stated that King County has received their first bill as a result of this wireless tariff and it was 70% of the cost of the wireline bill, which is for the entire 911 system. Marlys supplied other information on the tariff and the related cost of the wireline verses the wireless tariffs. Discussion ensued regarding this issue and how it related to items regarding wireless carriers and county costs.

There was an announcement to Drop, Cover and Hold. Everyone participated in the statewide Earthquake drill.

Tax information: Due to the passage of HB 2595, the counties will need to pass an ordinance to increase the wireless tax from twenty-five cents to fifty cents, or what level the county decides to, if less than fifty cents. Marlys is working on getting the total cost estimates of Phase I completed so that the counties may use that as a guideline.

Phase I service agreement: Marlys handed out the changes to the Cost Recovery Language of the Phase I service agreements due to the passage of HB 2595 **[Encl 1]**. Marlys stated that counties that have already signed agreements with wireless carriers, have to the end of the year to do an amendment to the already signed agreements.

Phase I implementation status: Doug Gehrke has updated and sent out the spreadsheet **[Encl 2]** and sample Phase I order letters to all the counties who have not yet ordered service from the wireless carriers in their area. Doug is available to anyone that has any concerns or needs help with this. There was a request that information be added to the spreadsheet on who uses NCAS or CAS and whom the carriers are using for database services.

Phase II issues: Marlys stated that after a meeting with the FCC on the issues regarding E2 interface, Qwest has agreed to move forward and purchase the E2 interface from Intrado. That will be implemented by the end of June 2002. For counties that have ordered Phase II, one of the questions that needs to be answered before you can move forward is 'is the LEC ready?' The answer is yes for those counties that are on the Qwest routers, but the county will need to inform the carriers.

Technical – Bob Connell

Bob Connell reported that the group decided to put together a letter for the 911 Coordinators to send out to their local exchange carriers **[Encl 3]**. This is to get information for a baseline of what it is going to cost to do a frame relay network. Discussion ensued regarding this. Please mail responses to Bob Connell verses email or hard copy. Remember the deadline is May 15, 2002.

Training – Chris Fischer

Chris Fischer handed out the WSCJTC Telecommunicator Program Offices Quarterly Report for January to March 2002 **[Encl 4]**. Chris stated that two of the trainers, Lee Bryant and Jim Stallings, have been selected to facilitate instructor development. This is a great honor. The WSCJTC has partnered up with the FBI, to develop and train on a new class being offered on *Crisis Negotiations*. This class will be offered in the near future.

Peggy Fouts wanted to remind everyone of the WA APCO/NENA Chapter's training conference at the Wenatchee Conference Center on June 26 – 28, 2002. Please register soon. The 911 County Coordinator Forum will be held in conjunction with this training.

STATE OFFICE REPORTS:

Legislative Update:

Bob reported that HB 2595 passed and is recorded as Chapter 341 Law of 2002 and 2SHB1477 passed and is recorded as Chapter 176 Law of 2002.

Telecommunications Operations: the WUTC has filed the CR102. That means it is in the Code Revisor's office and this is what the new rules for operation for phone companies should look like with only minor revisions.

WAC 118-65: The CR102 has been filed and the hearing is May 29th at the Radisson Hotel in SeaTac from 1:00 pm to 3:30pm. This is the new county assistance rule and is as suggested by the Advisory Committee.

Financial Status:

Kurt Hardin reported on the State Office Financial Status **[Encl 6-7]**. Kurt reminded everyone that there will be 5 workshops around the state in May to assist counties in filling out the new applications for the new operations contract.

National Issues:

Terrorism response: The money is on the way and it is coming from FEMA. We are not sure at this time where or when, but there is a substantial amount that the PSAPs maybe be eligible for. Bob will keep the County Coordinators informed of the details.

Hatfield hearings at FCC: Held on April 15, 2002 in Washington D.C. in the FCC hearing rooms, with emphasis on 'Why aren't Phase I & II moving?' Bob reported that he has not heard much response from this yet.

Places of Interest: Internet sites to visit to see programs that may impact 911. **CIREN** – Crash Injury Research & Engineering Network; **CIECA** – Collision Industry Electronic Commerce Association; **ATIS** – Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions.

NEW Business:

The question was asked if there was a response from the Governor's office regarding the letter that was sent regarding the money taken from the dedicated 911 fund. The answer was no, although Peggy Fouts, Grays Harbor, did received a response to a letter she sent to the Governor regarding the same issue.

The next meeting will be held THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2002 at THE RADISSON SEATAC HOTEL.

ACTION ITEMS:

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